

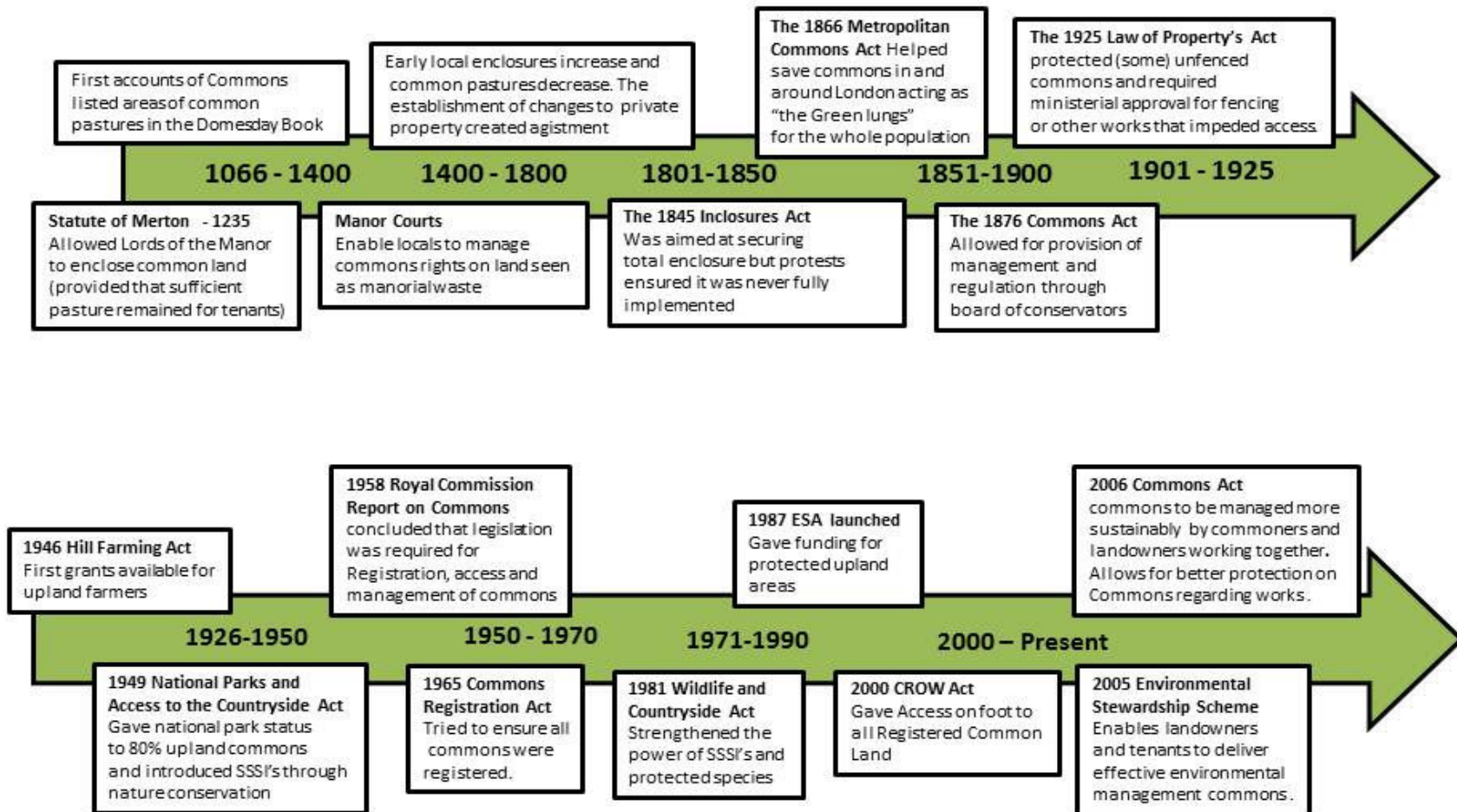
ENGLISH & WELSH COMMONS



A gathering of those across Great Britain
with a stake in pastoral commons

Brussels: November 2015

1000 years of commons



Highly Documented System of Governance

A Collection of Orders and Byelaws (i.e. Pains) made at the Courts Baron for the Manor of Aglionby in 1683 for the good Governance of the said Manor, by John Aglionby Esq., Lord of the said Manor, and of all the Tenants of the same, testified by subscribing their names thereunto, the excerpts begin at 1494

CHALLENGES

- 1. Commons depend on Commoning**
- 2. Complexity demands CAP Flexibility**
- 3. Motivate and Empower Commoners**



COMMONERS AND COMMON LAND OWNERS

PROVIDE

FOOD

BREEDING LIVESTOCK

WATER

WOOD PRODUCTS

REGULATE

CARBON

WATER FLOW & QUALITY

NUTRIENTS

CREATE & MAINTAIN

LANDSCAPE

TRADITION

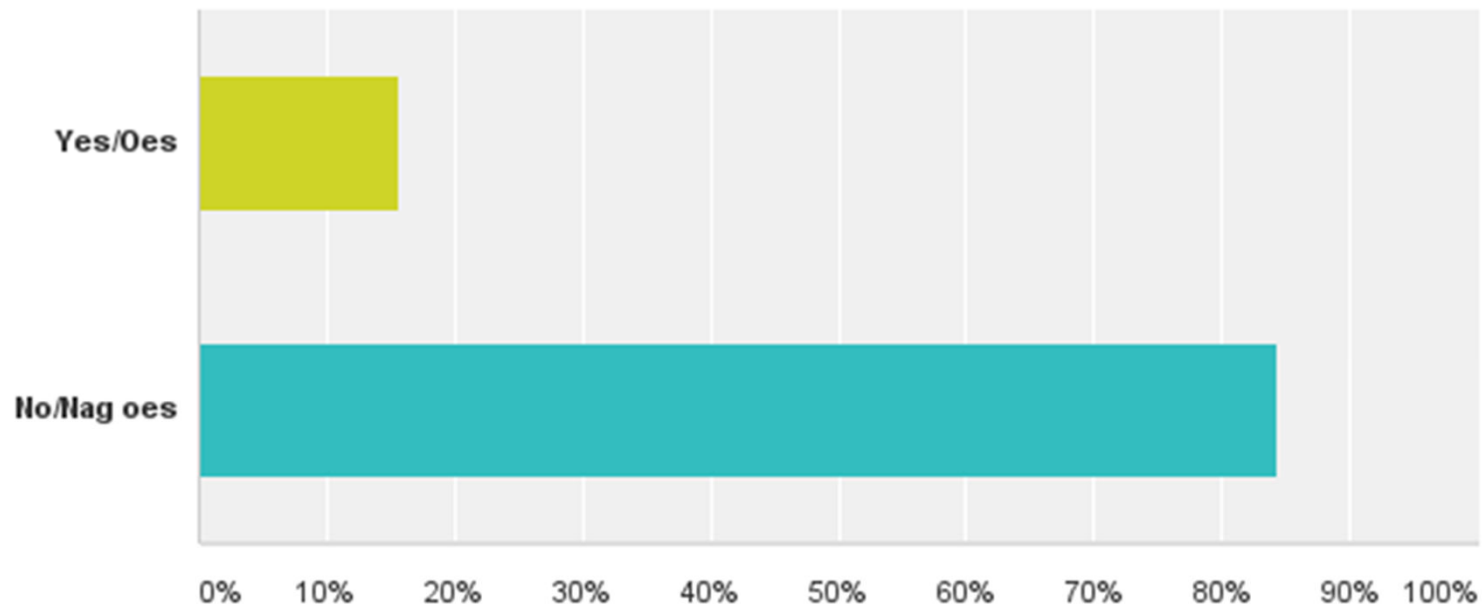
ACCESS & RECREATION

COMMUNITIES

**THESE ACTIONS DETERMINE THE RESULTING BIODIVERSITY AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESILIENCE ON COMMONS
WE AIM FOR BETTER OUTCOMES FOR ALL OUTPUTS THROUGH A PLACE BASED APPROACH TO DECISION MAKING**



WALES 2015 SURVEY: Are there younger graziers (under 30 years old) who are not currently exercising rights but intend to do so in the future?

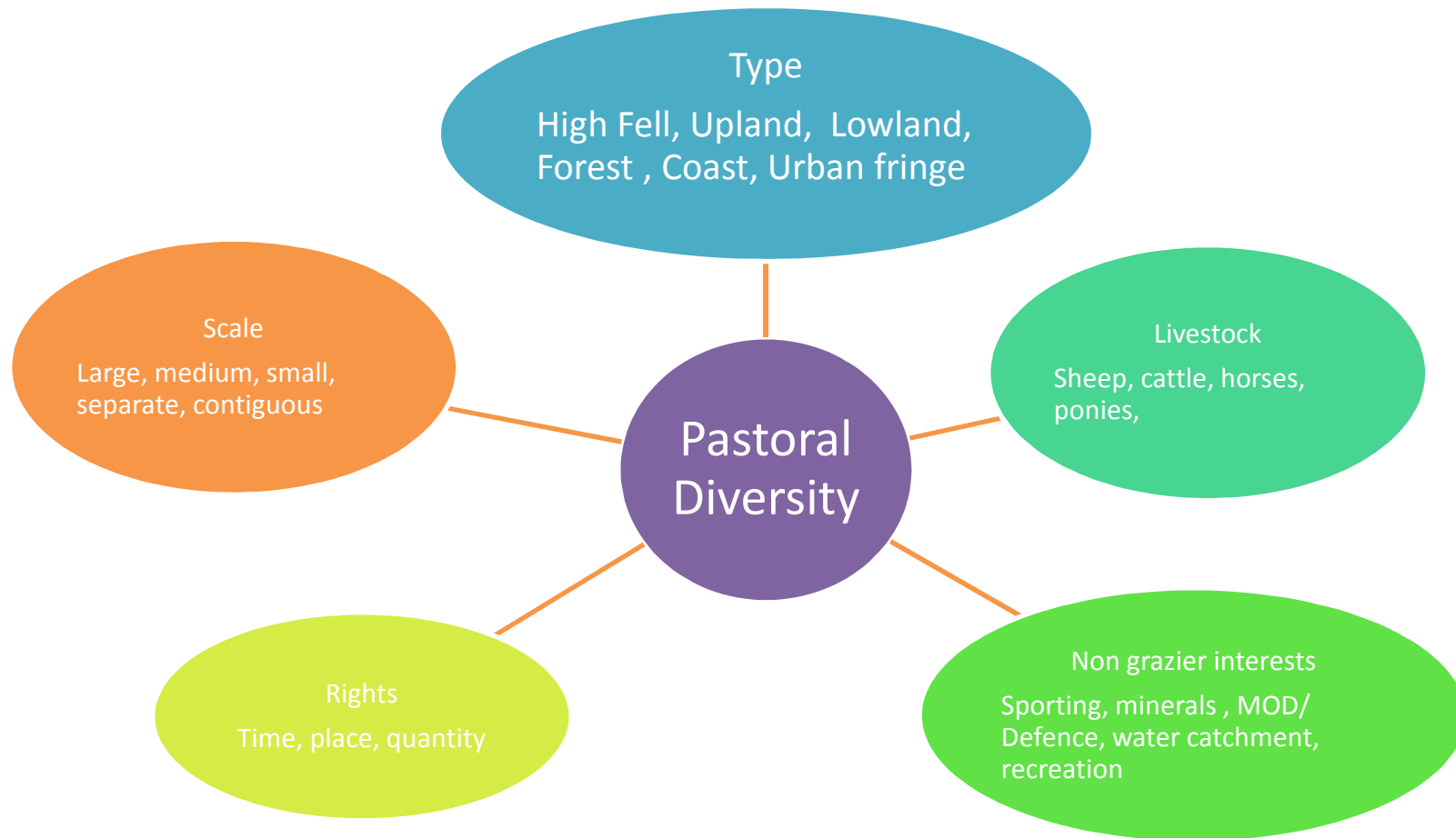


Attributes of Successful Commons

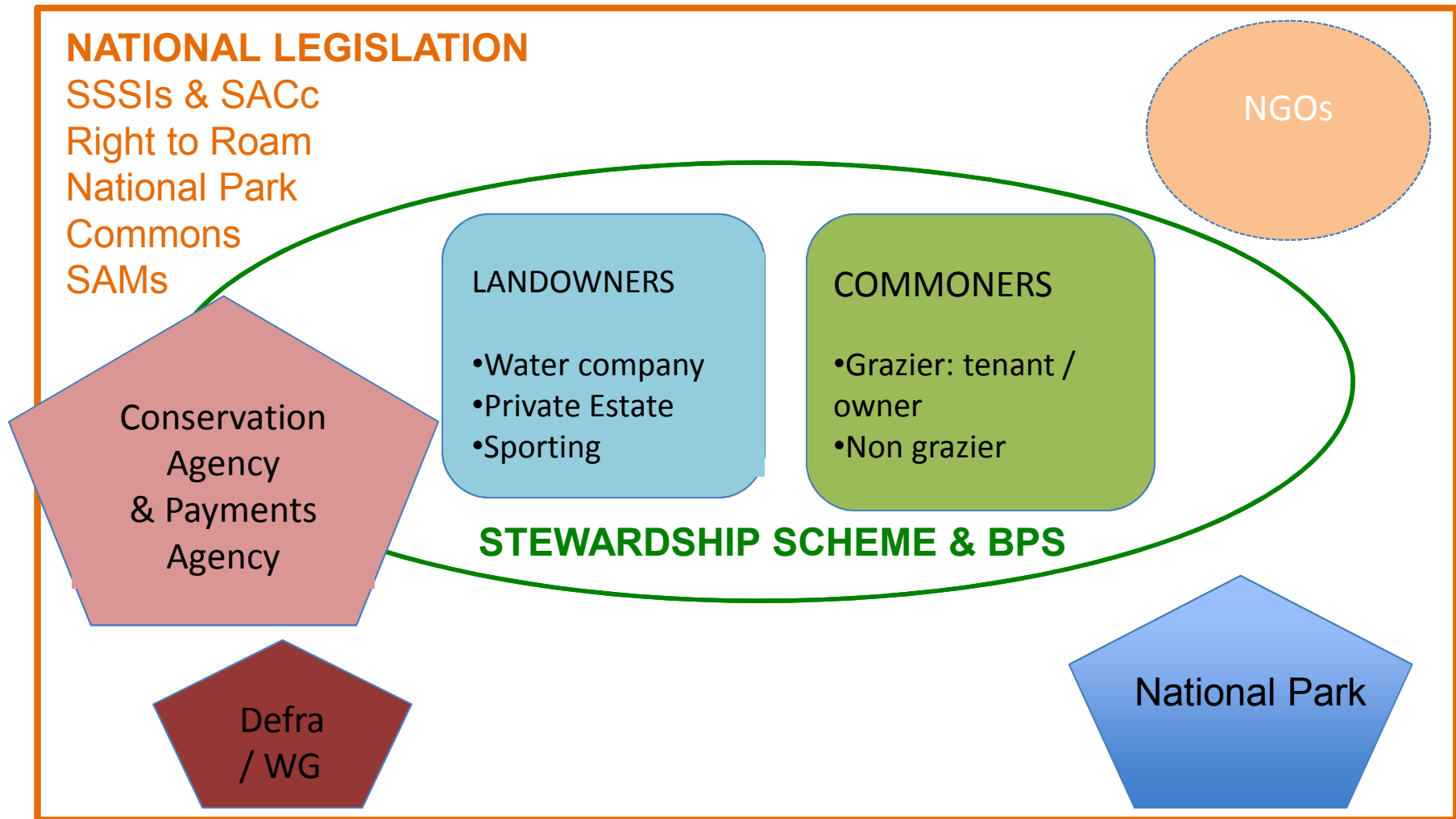
Good Communication
Respectful Attitudes
Transparent Administration
Payments Reflect Input
Clarity on Rights
Time
Agreed Outcomes
Fair Negotiations
Established Networks
Leadership
Value Local Knowledge



Commons diversity



Legal Complexity on Common Land

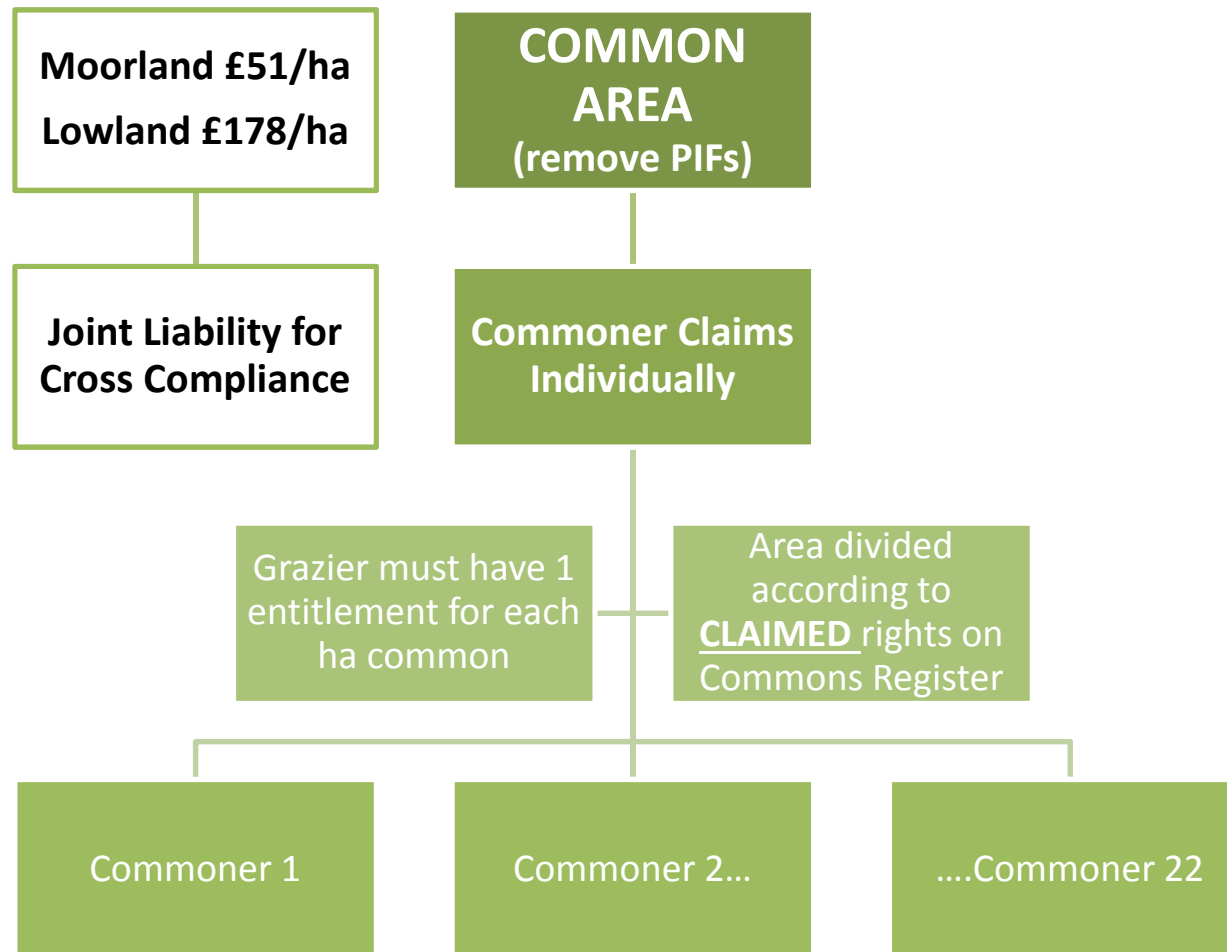


THE COMMONS REGISTER

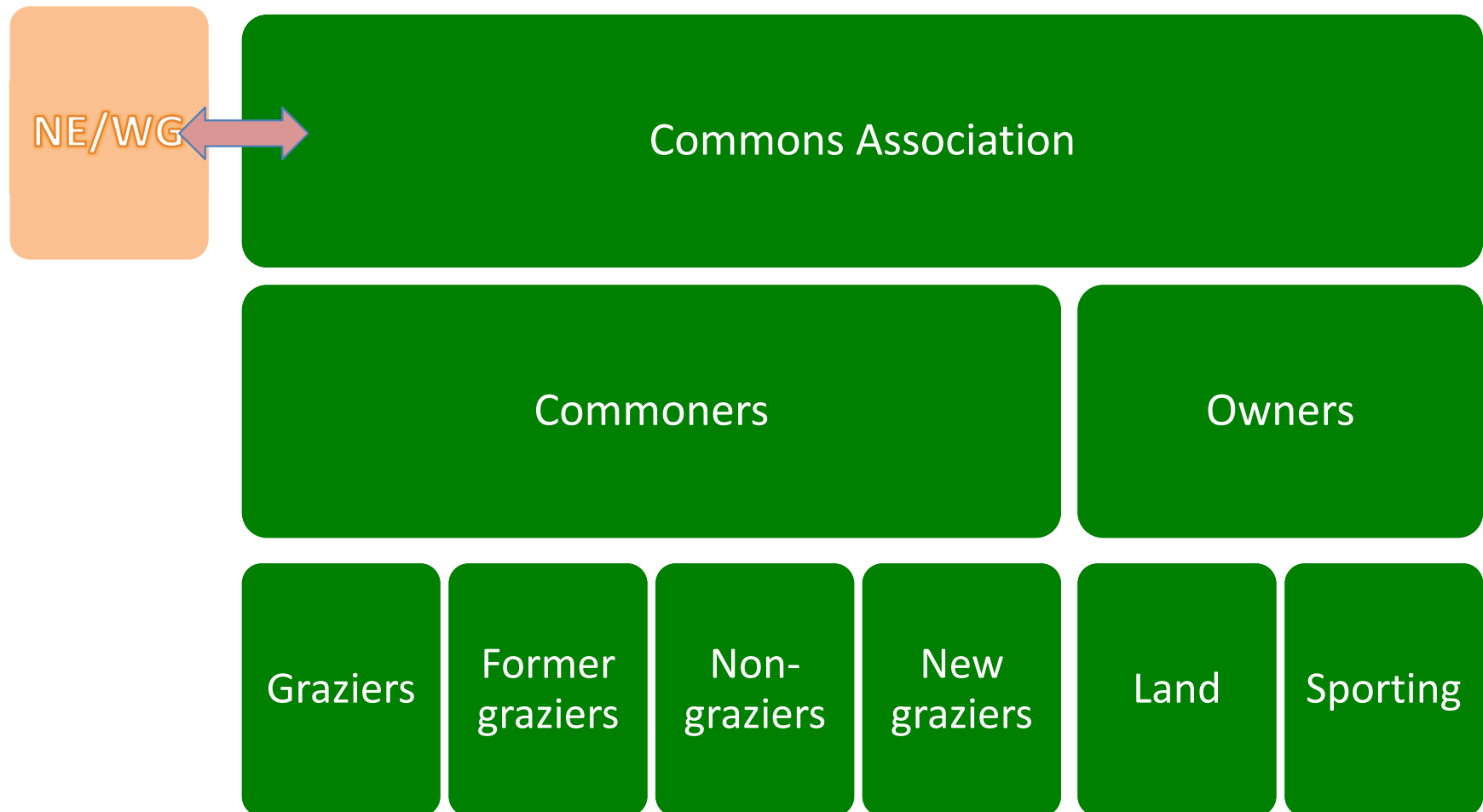
<div> <div>Register of COMMON LAND</div> <div> Register unit No. CL.86 Edition No. 1 </div> <div>See Overleaf for Notes</div> </div>				
RIGHTS SECTION—Sheet No. 1				
1 No. and date of entry	2 No. and date of application	3 Name and address of every applicant for registration, and the capacity in which he applied	4 Particulars of the right of common, and of the land over which it is exercisable	5 Particulars of the land (if any) to which the right is attached
1 27th October, 1969 <i>See entry No. 4 Below</i>	679 25th June, 1968	The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester Town Hall, Manchester 2. Owners.	To graze:- (a) 5000 sheep (b) 30 head of cattle and (c) 6 horses together with the right of estovers over the whole of the land comprised in this register unit together with the whole of the land comprised in register No. CL.85. (Registration provisional)	Naddle Farm, Bampton Westmorland shown coloured blue on the supplemental maps bearing the number of registration entry No. 19 in the rights section of register unit No. CL.85.
2 22nd April, 70 <i>See entry No. 4 Below</i>	690 25th June, 1968	The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester <i>Town Hall, Manchester 2.</i> Owners. James Edward Raine, Swindale Foot, Shap, Westmorland. Tenant.	To graze:- (a) 1700 sheep with their followers (b) 30 head of cattle with their followers and (c) 5 horses with their followers, together with the right of estovers over the whole of the land comprised in this register unit together	Swindale Farm, Shap, Westmorland comprising the land shown coloured blue on the supplemental map bearing the number of entry No. 14 in the rights section of register unit No. CL.56



PILLAR 1: BASIC PAYMENT ON COMMONS



PILLAR 2: STEWARDSHIP (£23-100/ha)



COMMONERS MOTIVATION LAKE DISTRICT

Livelihood&



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COMMONERS MOTIVATION WALES

access available bedding best bracken breeding common
condition continued control dry ease encourage
environmental ewes extra family farm fields
financial flock glastir gorse government graziers
grazing habitat harvesting hay health
heather hefted hill holding home income keep kept
lambs land landscape livelihood livestock lowland
maintain management
maximising mountain number pasture payment pressure production protect
provide resources rest retain rights scheme scrub sfp
sheep small stock subsidy summer
tradition used usefull value viability welfare

PUBLIC GOODS MOTIVATION

Environment&

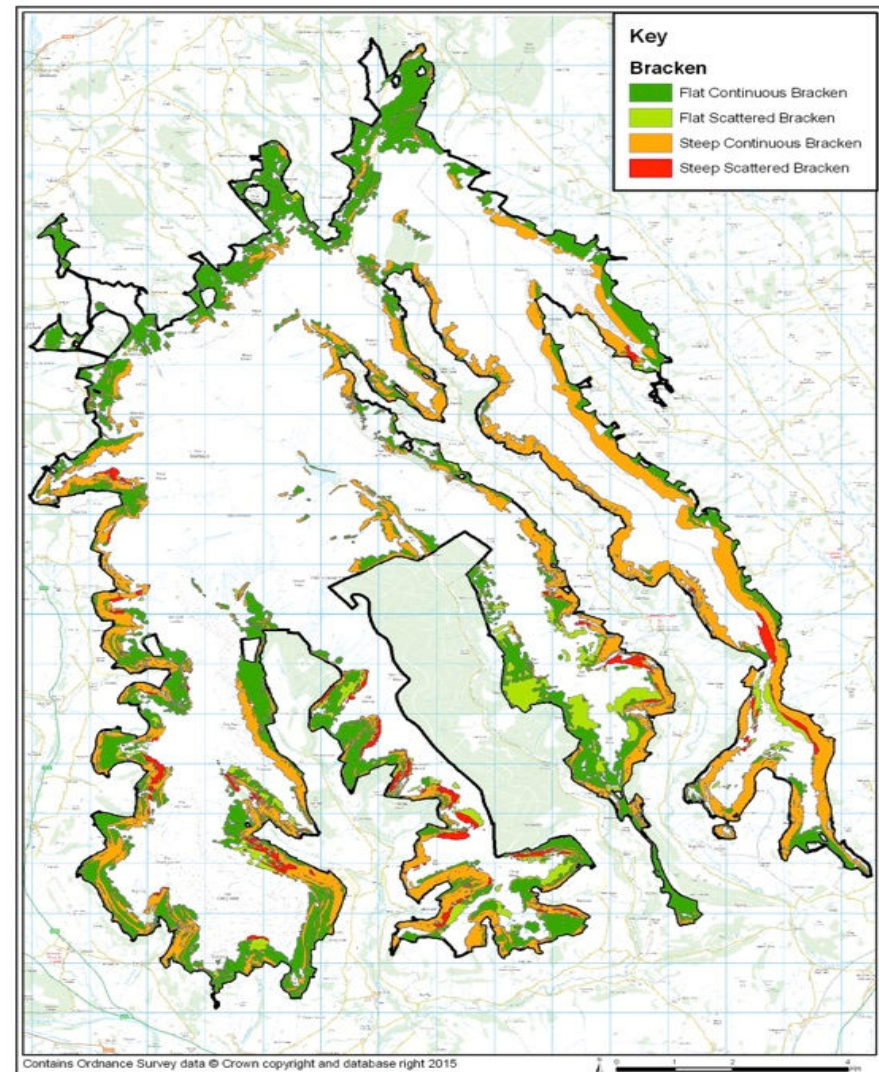


Managing change on commons

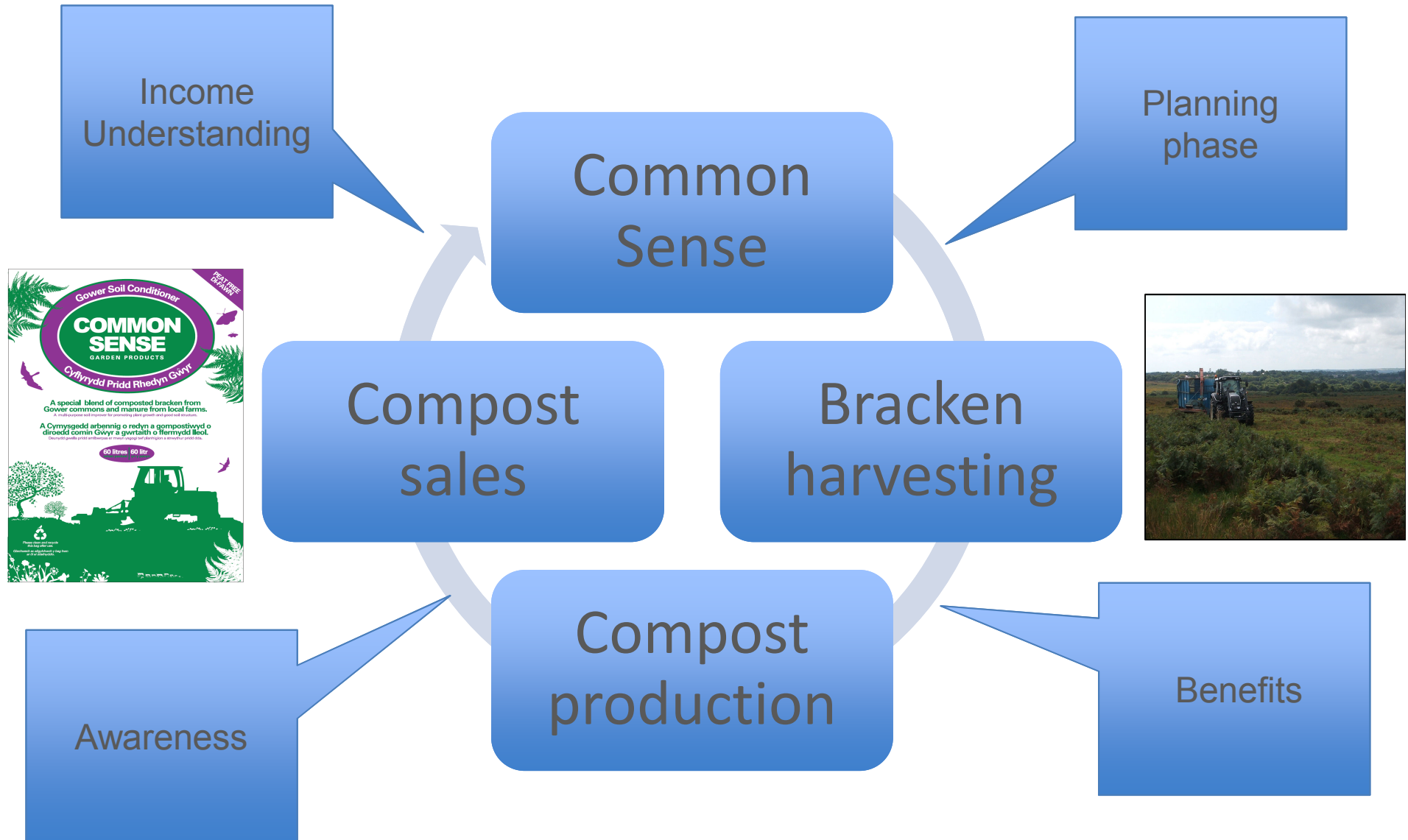
Bracken distribution - slope

Showing the distribution of bracken within the Black Mountains between flat ground $<20^\circ$ and steep ground $>20^\circ$

- Steep slopes ($>20^\circ$) 1893ha
- Flatter ground ($<20^\circ$) with 2006ha



Bracken a cost or a benefit



Challenges

- 1. Skilled & Active Commoners**
- 2. Narrow Focus & Declining Payments**
- 3. Motivating Delivery of Public Goods**



THANK YOU

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